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There was reported 1 case of plague, 5 miles east of Kobe in the country district.

It is officially reported that there are now under construction in Japan buildings and quarters for the colonization and treatment of persons afflicted with leprosy. In the Kobe consular district the stations are at Shikoku, 100 miles southwest of Kobe, and at Sotoshima, 18 miles east of Kobe. The capacity of each colony is about 300 patients. The doctors and officers have already been selected by the government. The buildings will probably not be opened until about May 1, owing to delay in the construction.

MEXICO.

Report from Coatzacoalcas—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Thompson reports, April 29:

Week ended April 28. Three vessels inspected and passed.

Report from Mexico City—Yellow fever in vicinity of Merida and Maxcanu.

The following is received from Doctor Liceaga, President of the Superior Board of Health of Mexico, under date of April 19:

During the week ended April 17, 2 cases of yellow fever, confirmed April 11, occurred at Ticul, situated 75 kilometers distant from Merida.

Doctor Liceaga further reports, May 3:

Week ended May 1. One case of yellow fever at San Bernardo, 9 kilometers distant from Maxcanu.

Report from Tampico—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox along the intercoastal canal—Sanitary work—Sewerage and water-supply system.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stowe reports, April 29:

Week ended April 28.

Vessels inspected and passed.....	2
Bills of health issued.....	3
Members of crews inspected.....	47
Passengers inspected.....	1

No quarantinable diseases occurred during this period.

Smallpox is prevailing in the country between here and Tuxpan along the intercoastal canal.

The local health authorities have established a temporary station at the junction of this canal with the Panuco River, and all shipping coming through this canal from the infected territory is inspected before pratique is given to enter Tampico.

Owing to a drought which has extended for a period of more than 3 months, with the exception of a slight rainfall about 10 days ago, mosquitoes have been scarce.

Five vessels were fumigated during the past month. Rigid inspection was made immediately after fumigation, but few mosquitoes were found.

The work of filling in the low-lying districts of the town is progressing rapidly, and the sewerage system is being improved by the